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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF FIFER REPORT TO HMG

REF: (A) STATE 82644, (B) JIDDA 2542, (C) SANA 1175

1. YOU MAY PASS COPY OF FIFER REPORT TO HMG, WITH DELETIONS INDICATED BELOW. IN PRESENTING REPORT, YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT IT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN SHARED WITH SAG OR YARG, AND WE BELIEVE IT NECESSARY THAT SAG AND YARG NOT REPEAT NOT BECOME AWARE THAT REPORT HAS BEEN PASSED TO HMG. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY JIDDA IF AND WHEN PASSED.

2. IF EMBASSY PREFERS, DEPT WILL PASS EDITED COPY OF REPORT TO FCO REPRESENTATIVES PLANNING VISIT WASHINGTON AT END OF APRIL FOR ANNUAL "GULF TALKS." PLEASE ADVISE.

3. DELETIONS AS FOLLOWS, KEYED TO PAGE SYSTEM OF REPORT:

A. AF-1, P. 5, LINES 3-7. AFTER "FOR THE PAST FOUR

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YEARS" DELETE "AND MOST YAR OFFICERS CONSIDER THE

REMAINING SOVIET ADVISORS (APPROXIMATELY 110) AS SPIES
FOR THE SOUTH."

B. AF-2, P. 6, LINE 6. AFTER "LT GENERAL QABBANI. A"
DELETE "GRANDIOSE."

C. AF-3, P. 7, LINE 3. IN THE PHRASE "THE UNREALISTIC
QABBANI PLAN..." DELETE "UNREALISTIC."

D. AF-4, P. 7, LINES 25-26. AFTER "LOOK AT YAR
DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS," DELETE "RECOGNIZING THAT THE 1973
QABBANI PLAN WAS UNREALISTIC."

E. AF-5, P. 11, LINES 13-15. DELETE FOLLOWING SENTENCE:
"HOWEVER, MOST YAR OFFICERS HAVE HAD MEMORIES OF THE
EGYPTIANS FROM THE CIVIL WAR DAYS OF 1962-1967 AND DO
NOT WANT THEM BACK IN YEMEN."

F. AF-6, P. 11, LINES 17-18. AFTER "NOT TO SEEK
EGYPTIAN ADVISORS." CHANGE NEXT SENTENCE TO BEGIN
"HOWEVER, THE YAR LACKS THE FUNDS TO PAY..."

G. AF-7, P. 11, LINES 22-26 AND P. 12, LINES 1-2. DELETE
THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS: "THE SAUDI POSITION IN THIS
REGARD...AND THE JORDANIANS ARE THE OBVIOUS BEST SOLUTION."

H. AF-8, P. 12, LINES 20-22. DELETE THE FOLLOWING:
"CONSIDERABLE ORDER OF BATTLE...AS DIA INTELLIGENCE
REPORTS".

I. AF-9, P. 13, LINES 16-17. AFTER "LT COL IBRAHIM
HAMDI, WHO" DELETE "EXPRESSED SOME SKEPTICISM ABOUT
SAG WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL ASSISTANCE AND".

J. AF-10, P. 14, LINES 9-10. AFTER "TRADITIONAL STATES
OF THE REGION" DELETE "AND HAS ACTIVELY SUPPORTED SOUTH
YEMENI DISSIDENTS IN EFFORTS TO BRING DOWN THE PDRY
GOVERNMENT."

K. AF-11, P. 17, LINES 14-16. AFTER "EQUIPMENT THE
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SAUDIS CAN HANDLE" DELETE "AND IT APPEARS THAT THEY CAN
PICK UP THE SKILLS REQUIRED IN A SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME
THAN THEIR SAUDI COUNTERPARTS."

L. AF-12, P. 22, LINE 25. DELETE THE ENTIRE SUB ITEM 1.
RENUMBER REMAINING SUBPARAS (THROUGH PG 27) ACCORDINGLY.

M. AF-13, P. 23, LINES 20-26. DELETE THE FOLLOWING:

"PRICE ESCALATIONS SO COMMON TO USG FMS...TO SAG FOR DELIVERY TO THE YAR."

N. AF-14, P. 24, LINES 17-20. DELETE THE FOLLOWING:
"IF THE USG CONCURS AND WISHES...THE CADILLAC CAGE
COMMANDO UNDER FMS."

O. AF-15, P. 58, LINE 16. AFTER "ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS TO
FILL ITS RANKS" DELETE "QUALITY NOTWITHSTANDING."

P. AF 16, P. 62, LINE 4. DELETE THE FOLLOWING: "EITHER
COULD NOT OR WOULD NOT GO INTO DETAIL. THEY".

Q. AF-17, P. 62, LINES 17-19. AFTER "PURCHASE FOR
THE YARAF FROM EGYPT" DELETE "BUT BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE,
HE DID NOT BELIEVE EGYPT WOULD SHIP SERVICEABLE EQUIPMENT."

R. AF-18, P. 65, LINES 21-24. DELETE THE FOLLOWING: "HE
STATED THAT THE SAUDIS INTEND FOR THE YAR...FEAR AND
DISTRUST A MILITARILY STRONG YAR."

S. AF-19, P. 70, LINES 17-18. AFTER "AND THREE MEDIUM
TRANSPORTS, COLONEL AL-FADL" ADD "DID NOT EXPLAIN."
DELETE "WAS UNABLE TO GIVE A LOGICAL EXPLANATION."

T. AF-20, P. 71, LINE 11. AFTER "COLONEL AL-FADL
FAILED TO GIVE: DELETE "LOGICAL" CHANGE TO READ "AN
EXPLANATION."

U. AF-21, P. 71, LINES 23-25. AFTER "ENVIRONMENT SYSTEM
WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE" DELETE "BUT ONLY WITH CONTROL FROM
SAUDI ARABIA NOT FROM THE YAR LOOKING NORTH."

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V. AF-22, P. 72, LINES 14-16. DELETE THE FOLLOWING:
"DISCUSSIONS WITH RSAF PERSONNEL INDICATED A SAUDI DESIRE
TO MAKE THE YARAF, IN REALITY, AN EXTENSION OF THE RSAF."
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